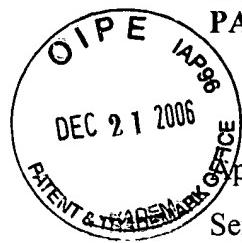


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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This amendment is a reply to the Final Office Action mailed on August 28, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action expired on November 28, 2006. Applicants submit a petition for one-month extension of time and enclose a check for the associated fee. Accordingly, the time for responding to the Office Action now expires on December 28, 2006 and this amendment is timely filed.

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